

Amendments to the Claims:

1. - 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A granulation process, comprising:

applying a water-based air foam comprising a non-polymeric surfactant to a powder of an average particle size of less than 1000 micrometers;

mixing the foam and powder in the presence of a binder to ~~encourage~~ promote agglomeration of the particles rather than uniformly coating the particles,

whereupon the agglomerated particles can then be pressed into tablets without any coating steps,

provided that ~~only at least one of the foam or the powder~~ contains a binder, and that the agglomerated particles contain a water-insoluble or slightly soluble in water therapeutic agent.

22. (Previously Presented) The granulation process of Claim 21, wherein the water-based air foam is applied without atomizing.

23. (Previously Presented) The granulation process of Claim 21, wherein the water-based air foam is applied on top of the powder.

24. (Previously Presented) The granulation process of Claim 21, wherein the powder is of an average particle size of less than 750 micrometers.

25. (Previously Presented) The granulation process of Claim 21, wherein the powder is of an average particle size of less than 500 micrometers.

26. (Previously Presented) The granulation process of Claim 21, wherein the water-based air foam comprises 99.99 to 90 weight percent of an aqueous liquid diluent.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A granulation process, comprising:

applying a water-based air foam comprising a non-polymeric surfactant to a powder of an average particle size of less than 1000 micrometers; and

mixing the foam and powder in the presence of a binder to ~~encourage~~ promote agglomeration of the particles rather than uniformly coating the particles,

provided that ~~only at least one of the foam or~~ the powder contains a binder, and that the agglomerated particles contain a therapeutic agent, and wherein the water-based air foam is applied without atomizing, and on top of the powder.